

## REMARKS

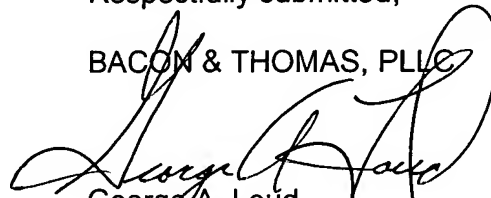
A petition for a one month extension of time has today been filed as a separate paper and a copy is attached hereto.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 3 and thereby represents claim 3 rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 7 now depends from an allowable claim. Claim 16 has been amended to recite a method step analogous to the limitation of allowable claim 3 and, therefore, is also believed to be allowable. New claim 18 corresponds to claim 9 but depends from claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now limited to subject matter deemed to be allowable by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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